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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-55

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at request of County Executive

Legislative Day No. 80-18

Date June 17, 1980

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article VII of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Planning and Zoning, by repealing and re-enacting Section 706 thereof, titled, Restrictions in Zoning Cases; to provide that no person shall influence or attempt to influence, directly or indirectly, either the Council or one of its hearing examiners in arriving at a decision in a pending zoning matter, except as that person may appear before the Council or one of its hearing examiners at a public hearing and as a party or as a representative or witness on behalf thereof; and to further provide the penalty for the violation of said Section; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in

By the Council, June 17, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: July 15, 1980

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter a public hearing was held on July 15, 1980 and concluded on July 15, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

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Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Day No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford  
County, Maryland.

By the Council, \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: \_\_\_\_\_

at: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*  
2 *Maryland,* that Article VII, Section 706 of the Charter of Harford  
3 County, Maryland, titled, Planning and Zoning, subtitled,  
4 Restrictions in Zoning Cases, be, and it is hereby repealed and  
5 re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Section 706. Restrictions in Zoning Cases.

7 (a) State and county officials or employees may not appear  
8 in a representative capacity on behalf of any private party in any  
9 zoning case. NO PERSON SHALL INFLUENCE OR ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE,  
10 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, EITHER THE COUNCIL OR ONE OF ITS HEARING  
11 EXAMINERS IN ARRIVING AT A DECISION IN ANY PENDING ZONING MATTER,  
12 EXCEPT AS THAT PERSON MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL OR ONE OF  
13 ITS HEARING EXAMINERS AT A PUBLIC HEARING AND AS A PARTY OR AS  
14 A REPRESENTATIVE OR WITNESS ON BEHALF THEREOF.

15 (b) ANY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES ANY OF THE  
16 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL, ON CONVICTION, BE IMPRISONED  
17 FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, OR BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE  
18 THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

19 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted,* that before this Act  
20 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum  
21 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance  
22 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at  
23 the General Election to be held in November of 1980. There shall  
24 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this  
25 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on  
26 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the  
27 words, "For \_\_\_\_\_", and a corresponding square or box to the  
28 right of and opposite the words, "Against \_\_\_\_\_", so that each  
29 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or  
30 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes  
31 cast in the election are "For \_\_\_\_\_", the provisions of this Act  
32 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day

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1 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in  
2 the election are "Against \_\_\_\_\_", the provisions of this Act  
3 shall be of no effect and null and void.

4 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the  
5 provisions of Section 2 herein, and for the sole purpose of  
6 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act shall  
7 take effect on the date it becomes law.

8 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,  
December 5, 1980

11  
12 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*  
13 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill*  
*are immediately available for distribution to*  
*the public and the press.*

14 *Joseph M. Markowski*  
Secretary

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

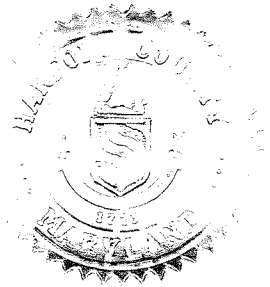
Passed LSD 80-23 (August 12, 1980) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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By order

Angela Markowski Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
 for his approval this 13th day of August 1980  
 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

J. Morris Ferrarage  
 County Executive  
 Date August 14, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 14, 1980, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski  
 Angela Markowski  
 Secretary of the Council

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question E) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 4, 1980, stands effective December 5, 1980.

Angela Markowski  
 Secretary of the Council